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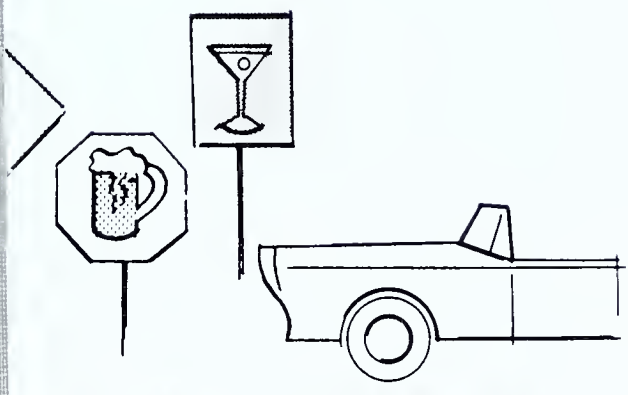

CHARLIE'S PARTY

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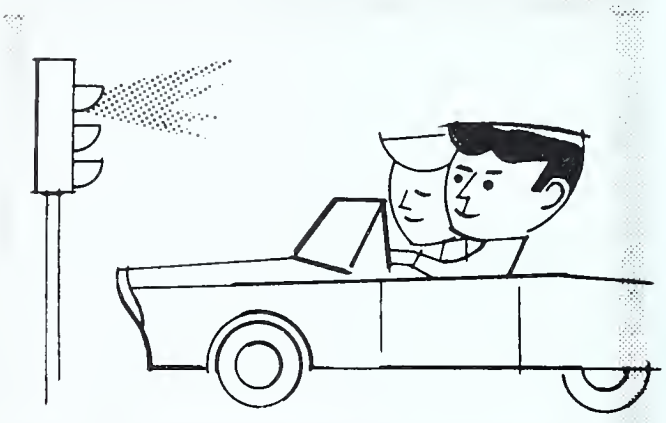
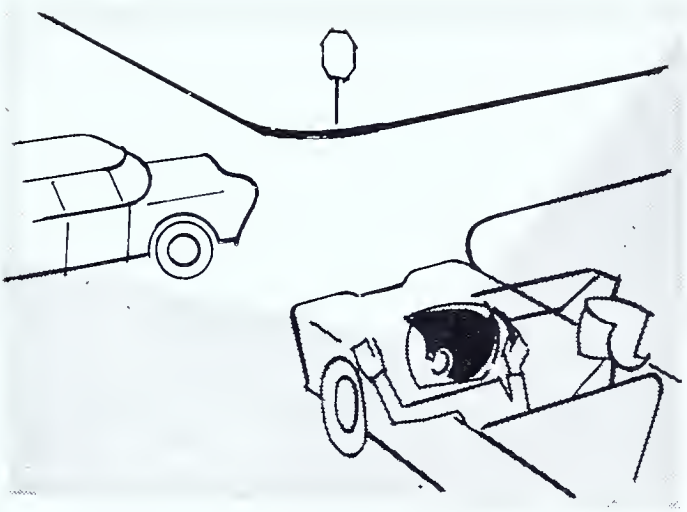
careful driver

1. Charlie is quite a follow, who tries to do a good job, but his work is very demanding. Trying to get along with his fellow workers, impress his boss, and keep Jane happy, creates such tensions that sometimes he feels that he is being pulled apart.



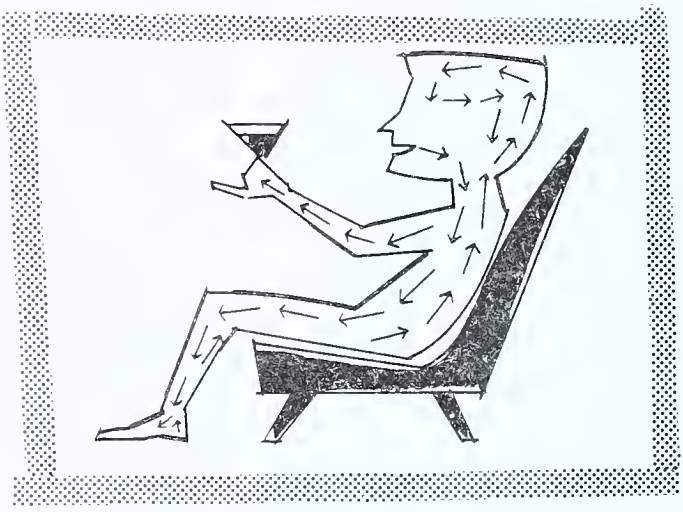
2. Sometimes he may have an impulse to let off steam when he gets behind the wheel, but his better judgment controls it. Now we see Jane and Charlie on their way to a party. Charlie watches the stop lights, obeys the policemen and all the traffic signs, just as any careful driver does.



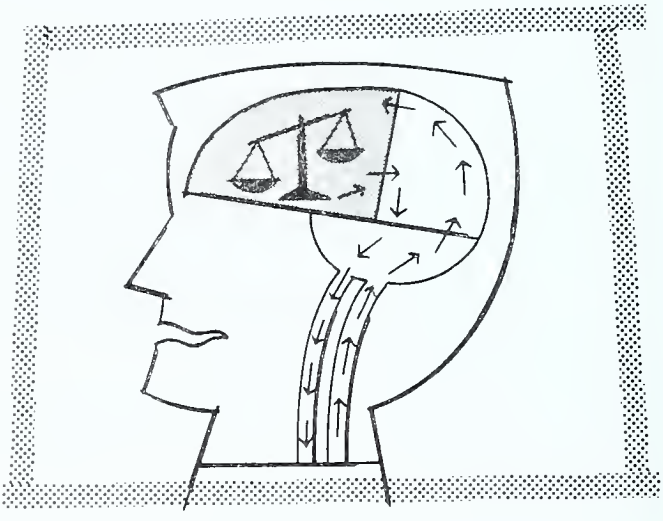
3. At a busy intersection, a careless driver speeds through a stop sign, but Charlie sees the car out of the corner of his eye. His natural wide vision and alert mind enable Charlie to stop his car in time to prevent a terrible accident.

4. At the party, Charlie takes a few cocktails. This makes him feel warm, relaxed and less shy. He becomes more talkative. His mood seems gayer, but actually his body reflexes and sensations are becoming dulled. Alcohol is *not* a stimulant. It *is* a *depressant.*

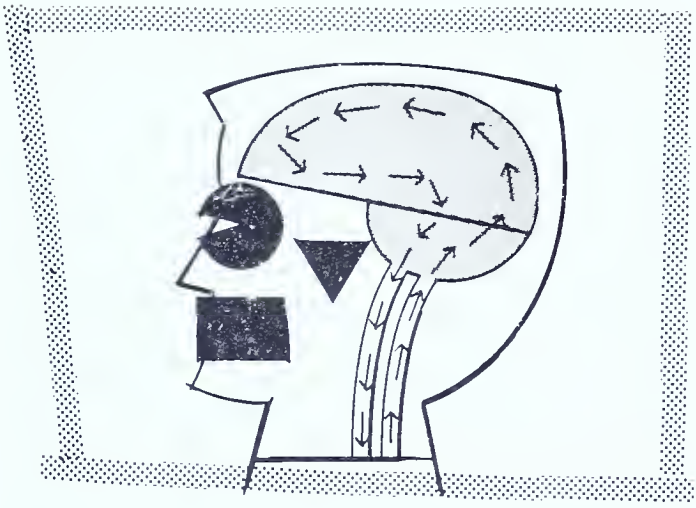
cocktail party



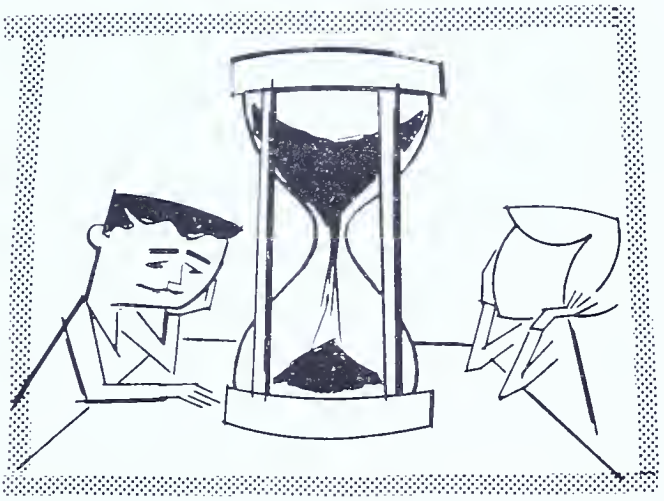
5. The alcohol which Charlie drinks is absorbed unchanged through the walls of his digestive tract and into his blood, which then carries it to all parts of his body. The alcohol acts directly on the brain to disturb its normal ability to work, giving a feeling of relaxation.



6. Even small amounts of alcohol tend to deaden judgment centers of the brain, removing inhibitions. A false sense of well-being may make Charlie an overconfident, careless driver. He should wait before driving.

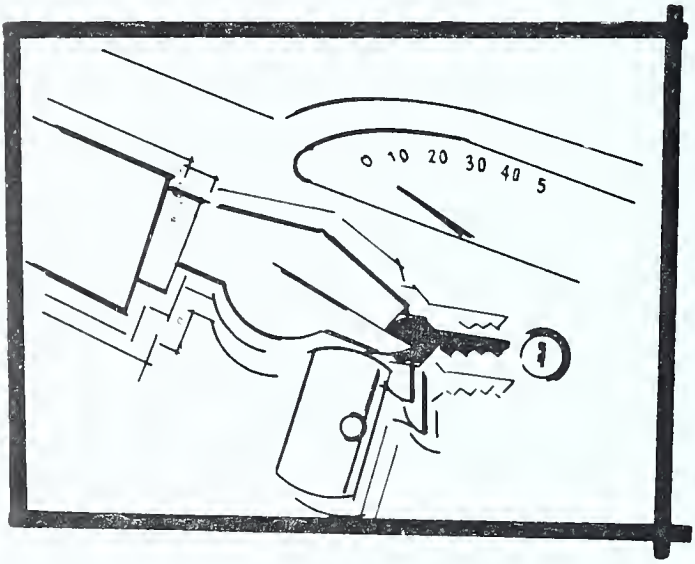


7. As Charlie continues to drink, he reaches the next stage of impairment: muscle control poor, speech slurred, hearing dulled, legs wobbling, seeing ability narrowed to tunnel vision. Dance steps get too hard to do and jokes get too hard to tell. *He should not drive.*

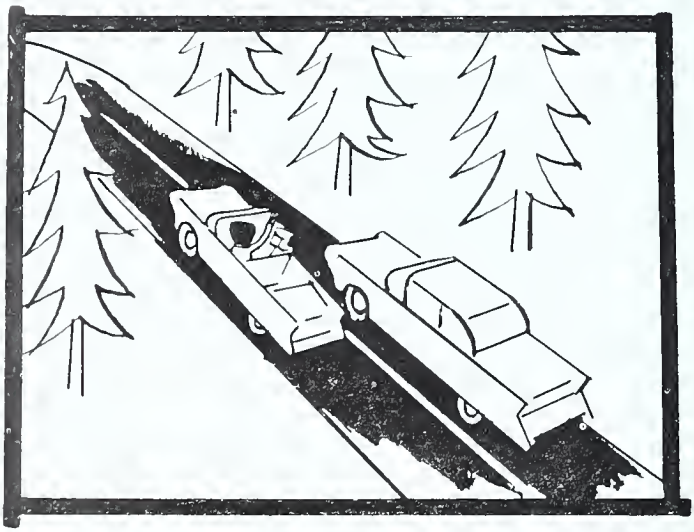


8. "Perhaps a cup of coffee will sober you up," says Jane, unaware that once alcohol is in Charlie's blood *absolutely nothing but time will sober him up.* Alcohol is eliminated from the body of an average person (150 lbs.) at the rate of about ¾ oz. whiskey per hour (a little less than ½ oz. alcohol). Nothing can speed up this process.

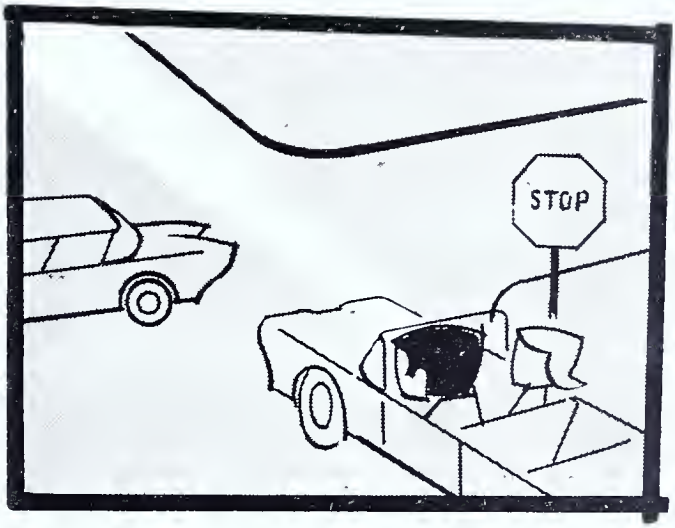
at the wheel



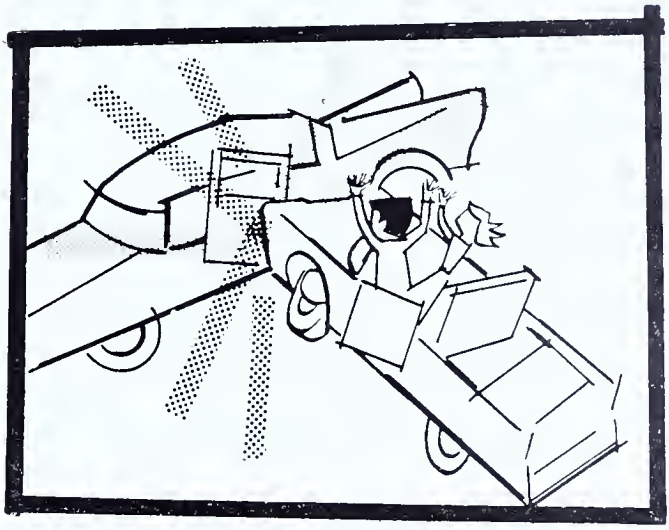
9. "Let's go home," Jane urges. Charlie finds it hard to fit the key in the ignition and start the new car, but alcohol has given him a false feeling of confidence. "Nobody is going to push me around tonight," thinks Charlie. "I'll show Jane and everybody else that I'm King of the Road."



10. Charlie loves to feel the car respond as he feeds it gas. "An inch is as good as a mile," he says gaily, as he barely misses a car which he is passing. Alcohol has dulled his normally good judgment. The siren of a police car sounds behind him. "Stop my fun, will he? I'll show him! Hold onto your hat, Jane."



11. Charlie presses the accelerator to the floor. Another car is approaching the intersection from the side, but Charlie does not realize it, for alcohol has dulled his brain and has reduced his peripheral vision, that is, his capacity to see out of the corners of his eyes.



12. Suddenly Charlies realizes that the other car is directly ahead. Panic sweeps over him. With reactions slowed from drinking, he cannot put his foot on the brake in time. A split second seems an eternity.

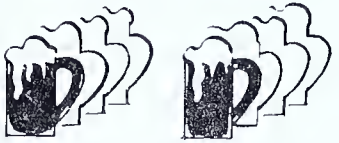
CRASH!

CHARLIE'S PARTY IS OVER!

DRIVER **WAIT** METER*

time allowance chart

IF YOU DRINK**				alcohol concentration in the blood	before you drive WAIT***
cocktails	highballs	beer	effects		
within	or fifteen	or minutes	If even one cocktail is taken on an empty stomach, absorption may be so rapid that alcohol piles up in the blood stream for a brief period and produces an exaggerated effect for a short time.	.03%	½ hour
within	or one half	or hour	Warmth — mental relaxation — decrease of fine skills — less concern with minor irritations and restraints.	.06%	1 hour

within or one or hour	Buoyancy — exaggerated emotion and behavior: talkative, noisy or morose. Perceptible loss of fine coordination.	.09%	2 hours
within or two or  hours	Clumsiness — unsteadiness — tunnel vision	.12%	3 hours
within or three or hours	Intoxication: Obvious and unmistakable impairment of bodily functions and mental faculties. Even after considerable alcohol has been eliminated, acute hangover symptoms remain.	.15%	5 hours

* Based on a person of average size — 150 lbs. The effects will increase or decrease with corresponding weight differences.

** The body reacts quicker to alcohol taken when the stomach is empty.

*** After finishing the last drink.

CHARLIE'S PARTY MIGHT BE YOUR PARTY

he might even be

YOU!

In one year almost half of Connecticut's fatal traffic accidents involved either a drinking driver or pedestrian.

One out of every *three* fatal traffic accidents involved a drinking driver.

Compared to drivers who are sober, the hazard of accidents is approximately **3** times greater to drivers who have taken

4 cocktails, or
4 highballs, or
8 bottles of beer.

The hazard of accident becomes **10** times greater to drivers who have taken more than

5 cocktails, or
5 highballs, or
10 bottles of beer.

The Thoughtful Host and Hostess

will respect those guests who do not drink, will not drink, or cannot drink alcoholic beverages. Every tray should include soft drinks and beverages which do not contain alcohol. From these a guest may make a choice without embarrassment.

A guest should never be coaxed to drink an alcoholic beverage. One out of every 15 persons may be an alcoholic to whom a single drink is a dangerous adventure.

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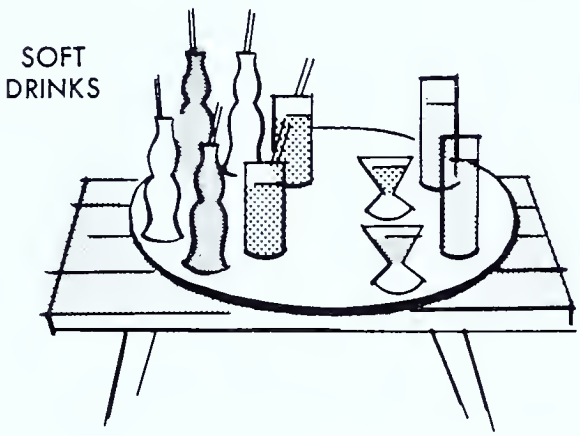
To drink alcohol excessively is neither smart nor sophisticated.



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